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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: PSB Meeting, 26 February 1953

On 27 February Mr. Dulles indicated that the following action had been taken at the PSB luncheon on 26 February:

- a. The PSB budget as submitted by Mr. Morgan was approved.
- b. The members of the Board discussed further a possible successor to Gen. Magruder. Mr. Keyes suggested Lt. Gen. Erskine, USMC. Gen. Smith and Mr. Stassen felt that this would be an excellent choice. Mr. Dulles expressed no opinion inasmuch as he did not know Gen. Erskine. On the basis of his apparent qualifications however he would be an excellent choice.
- c. The PSB discussed further the "brain washing" question and requested Mr. Dulles to get in touch with President Bronk of Johns Hopkins to see whether he would head up a panel of private consultants experienced in the appropriate fields which would issue a statement in lieu of the Pentagon press release earlier proposed.

e. There was general discussion of the recommendations on which the Rockefeller Committee is working respecting the future of State Department information activities, especially the Voice of America. It was felt that any PSB views may well be coordinated in the event agreement could be reached with the Rockefeller Committee. Mr. Dulles agreed to work on a possible organization along the lines agreed to and which Mr. Dulles indicated coincided closely with the thinking of the Rockefeller Committee.

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